

**Single Window clearance  
to the Right Of Way for  
BharatNet project.**

**Government of Maharashtra  
General Administrative Department  
Government Resolution No. GAD-मातंसं082/3/2018-DIR-DIT(MH)  
Mantralaya, Mumbai 400 032  
Dated: 17/02/2018**

**Read: Government Resolution no. DIT/File-03/336 dated 01/04/2006**

**Introduction:-**

The prestigious Mahanet (Bharat Net- phase 2) project is being implemented for providing high speed internet connectivity to around 13000 Gram Panchayats in the State through the State led implementation model. The project is being executed by the 100% Government owned company, Maharashtra Information Technology Corporation (MahaIT), which is the Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) & the State Implementation Agency (SIA) for the project. MahaIT will process the tender and execute the project. The project will comprise of underground optic fibre cable (for around 70% of the Gram Panchayats) and use of the aerial route using the electricity transmission and distribution network for the remaining Gram Panchayats. Government of India has approved the Mahanet project in September 2017 at a project cost of around Rs. 2180 crore for 50,313 km of optic fibre cable. Maharashtra IT Corporation (MahaIT) has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Government of India on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2017. According to the project deadlines set by the Government of India, the project has to be completed by March 2019. MahaIT has published the RFP on 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2018 for selection of system integrators. To complete the project in given timelines, it was considered to give single window clearance to the Right of Way (ROW) approvals to the project.

**Government Resolution:-**

- (a) Mahanet project is hereby declared as a “**Vital Public Purpose Project**”.
- (b) Right of way permissions across the state (including underground and aerial) is being waived off for the Mahanet project. Prior intimation will be given to concern authorities five days before trenching/laying of Cable for the Mahanet Projects. This will apply for all areas under the jurisdiction of the State Government Departments (except Forest areas where prior approval under various provisions of law is necessary), urban and rural local bodies of the State & all Public Sector Undertakings of the State Government & any institution set up by an Act of the State Government.
- (c) According to the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between Department of Telecom, Govt of Maharashtra & BBNL for phase-1 of the Bharat Net project, no RoW charges were levied by the State Government as the assets created are primarily for the benefit of the local communities. Mahanet, which is phase-2 of the Bharat Net project, Right of Way (RoW) charges, administrative and other kinds of fees and charges is being waived

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- (d) Necessary funds required for the Mahanet project will be made available by the state Government also.
- (e) MahaIT or its agencies will ensure that restoration work is carried out as per extant rules after completion of trenching and laying of OFC. MahaIT or its agencies will have the option of carrying out the restoration work on its own or depositing the amount for the same (as per schedule of rates of PWD or rates discovered through tendering whichever is lower) with the respective authority, which will then carry out the restoration work.
- (f) For aerial route, access to electric poles and related infrastructure of MSEDCL, ULBs and Grampanchayats etc. is hereby allowed and can be utilized by MahaIT/authorized agencies. Also, charges thereof are hereby waived. No further permissions from concerned bodies will be required to be taken.
- (g) Network termination devices and electronics equipments and other structures for the Mahanet project will be installed at Gram Panchayats, Tehsil offices and other offices/locations where DIT decides to set up Points of Presence (PoP). Further, approval be granted to access to personnel duly authorized by MahaIT to the fibre termination points, equipment and structures of the Mahanet project.
- (h) Gram Panchayats, Tehsil offices and other PoP locations decided by MahaIT will provide necessary space (around 400 sq. ft in Tehsil offices & 200 sq.ft in Gram Panchayat offices) free of cost for the Mahanet project within the respective office/building premises owned by them. MahaIT will not be required to seek any separate permissions for the same.
- (i) Gram Panchayats, Tehsil offices and other PoP locations decided by MahaIT will provide access to existing electricity connections, free of cost for the Mahanet project without insisting on separate metering. After project commissioning, MahaIT should endeavor to provide separate electrical power connections to Mahanet assets. Cabinet is requested to grant approval to waive off all permissions & no-objection certificates if any that may be required for this purpose.
- (j) For State Network operating Centre (NOC) minimum 2500 Sq ft area at Navi Mumbai and for Disaster recovery minimum 1200 Sq ft area at Aurangabad/ Nagpur (Preferably in Divisional Commissioner office premises)
- (k) Administrative Departments will issue instructions to their field units in the form of a circular to strictly adhere to the above decisions of the Cabinet so that Right of Way for laying of optic

This Government resolution is being issued based on the approval given in the cabinet meeting dated 30.01.2018.

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By order and in the name of the Governor of Maharashtra.

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